

Bantaskin Blether

21st February
2025



Dates for your diary!

- *Thursday 6th March (@2:30) – Open Doors Event (in classrooms)
- *Tues 11th /Thurs 13th March – Parents Consultations
- (Travelling Book Fair will be on those evenings too)**
- *Thursday 3rd April – Start of Easter holidays (last day of term for children)
- *Friday 4th April– staff development day (children off)
- *First day back – Tuesday 22nd April
- *Monday 5th May – Bank holiday Monday, school holiday
- * Saturday 31st May Spring Fair
- * Friday 27th June – last day of term

Valentines Disco

Once again, many thanks to the amazing volunteers who prepared, organised and ran the discos for the children of Bantaskin before holiday weekend! We all greatly appreciate the time that you give to making these events happen for the children.

These events also act as fundraisers for the school – vital events to help fund aspects of school life.

School playground

We mentioned recently that we are needing to raise significant sums of money to repair and change our playgrounds. The Parent Council has started a "justgiving" page as part of the fundraising effort. When you log on to "[justgiving.com](https://www.justgiving.com)" search for Bantaskin Primary School Playpark – for any donations. Also, if any know of any companies that may wish to sponsor aspects or be involved please let us know.

Ready
Respectful
Kind
Safe

Maddiston Primary School

By now you will have heard that P4-6 pupils from Maddiston Primary are joining us for the remainder of the session. These classes will be hosted in 2 rooms that are currently spare, our library and digi-den (with one other class from Maddiston being hosted in Windsor Park). We are looking forward to supporting them all as they join us and welcoming them in to our school.

@bantaskinps

How the hosting will work

Our Digi-den, Music Room, Library and 'Support for Learning room' will be used to host children from Maddiston.

- The library and SfLT room will host P6 classes
(Our Support for Learning Teacher [SfLT] will now be based in what was the 'Teacher's Hub' a base where teachers could work out with their classrooms). This room is large enough for the numbers of children who regularly work with Mrs Brown.
- Rm 16 (music room) will host P4
- The Digi-den will host P5/4 and P4
- P5 will be in Windsor Park

-Our break time will remain the same

-Our lunch break will move forward 15 minutes (12:00-12:45) to allow for full service for all children (BPS & MPS)

- MPS will have their break from 10:50-11:05
- MPS will have their lunch from 12:45-1:30
- MPS children will arrive at 9:15 by bus at the FHS turning circle and be collected at 3:15 from the turning circle

Any furniture of ours that has needed removed to make way for MPS has been stored at Maddiston Primary for the duration.

To support us with the changes to our building the following will ensure that Bantaskin children are able to maintain our regular learning experiences

- Library – a pop up library context will be used throughout the school to allow the children to read a variety of texts. Additional books will be available within each class library as well as additional books being loaned to us from Falkirk Council library services.
- Digi-den – all children will continue to access learning through Connected Falkirk ipads. All of our STEM / Technology resources (that were in the Digi-den) remain in school and will continue to be used and accessed
- Music Room – our music resources have moved to trolleys that will be moved from class to class. Miss Clayton will continue with music lessons as normal but in the children's regular class.
- Children will receive their normal timetabled lessons as before

These arrangements will be reviewed regularly to ensure that all children (both Bantaskin and Maddiston) have the best learning experience possible. If any alterations are required this will be shared with you.

ATTENDANCE

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT?

ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL

Children are required by law to attend school 190 days per year. The Government states that every pupil's attendance should be at least 95%.

How do YOU measure up?

Attendance	Days Absent	Weeks Absent	Lessons Missed
95%	9 Days	2 Weeks	50 Lessons
90%	19 Days	4 Weeks	100 Lessons
85%	29 Days	6 Weeks	150 Lessons
80%	38 Days	8 Weeks	200 Lessons
75%	48 Days	10 Weeks	250 Lessons
70%	57 Days	11.5 Weeks	290 Lessons
65%	67 Days	13.5 Weeks	340 Lessons

89% & Below
Drastic effect on
academic achievement

95%-90%
Cause for
concern

100%-96%
Excellent



For persistent late coming - this can be the consequence!

8:55

Your child arrives in time
to meet friends and be
ready for the school day.

9:00

The school day starts.

9:02

Your child is now late for the
start of the school day.

9:05

5 minutes late means about 3
lost school days a year.

9:10

10 minutes late means about 5
lost school days a year.

9:15

15 minutes late means about
8 lost school days a year.